

OHIO FARM REPORT



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OHIO HOG INVENTORY UNCHANGED FROM A YEAR AGO

Ohio hog producers had 1.52 million hogs on hand March 1, 2005, up 5 percent from last quarter and unchanged from a year ago. The number of market hogs, at 1.36 million head, was up 5 percent from last quarter and unchanged from last year. Breeding stock, at 160,000 head, was unchanged from last year but up 3 percent from last quarter.

The pig crop during the December-February 2005 quarter numbered 702,000 head, 8 percent above last year and 1 percent last quarter. The number of sows farrowed during the December-February 2005 quarter, at 78,000 was 4,000 head above last year and 1,000 head above from last quarter. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.0, up 2 percent for the same period last year, but unchanged from last quarter.

Ohio producers intend to farrow 79,000 sows during the March-May 2005 quarter; 6,000 head more than a year earlier. Farrowing intentions for the summer quarter, June-August 2005, is 79,000 sows, 4,000 head more from the same quarter of 2004.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2005 was 59.9 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2004, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.94 million head, was down slightly from

both March 1, 2004 and last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.0 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2004 - February 2005 U.S. pig crop, at 25.5 million head, was up 2 percent from 2004 and up 4 percent from 2003. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, up 1 percent from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.94 for the December 2004 -February 2005 period, compared to 8.85 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.87 million sows farrowed during the March-May 2005 quarter, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, but 1 percent below 2003. Intended farrowings for June-August 2005, at 2.88 million sows, are down 1 percent from the same period in both 2004 and 2003.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 39 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 37 percent last year.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY-MARCH 1, 2004 AND 2005 - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Hogs and pigs for breeding		Hogs and pigs for market		All hogs and pigs	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousand Head						
Illinois	410	430	3,440	3,570	3,850	4,000
Indiana	300	290	2,850	2,710	3,150	3,000
Iowa	1,040	1,080	14,460	15,120	15,500	16,200
N. Carolina	1,020	1,010	8,880	8,690	9,900	9,700
Ohio	160	160	1,360	1,360	1,520	1,520
UNITED STATES	5,961	5,941	53,558	53,957	59,520	59,899

MARKET HOGS - MARCH 1, 2004 AND 2005 - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	Under 60 lbs.		60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		180 lbs. and over	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousand Head								
Illinois	1,260	1,360	820	830	750	770	610	610
Indiana	1,060	1,000	660	650	620	570	510	490
Iowa	4,510	4,430	4,000	4,230	3,250	3,490	2,700	2,970
N. Carolina	3,500	3,410	2,180	2,030	1,800	1,850	1,400	1,400
Ohio	555	570	315	300	290	310	200	180
UNITED STATES	19,823	19,817	12,954	13,087	11,205	11,430	9,578	9,624

SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	September-November				December-February ^{1/}			
	Sows farrowing		Pig crop		Sows farrowing		Pig crop	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2004	2005	2004	2005
Thousand Head								
Illinois	205	205	1,814	1,814	205	210	1,814	1,869
Indiana	145	135	1,283	1,195	145	135	1,283	1,188
Iowa	440	450	3,872	4,005	410	445	3,567	3,961
N. Carolina	540	540	4,914	4,860	550	540	4,923	4,779
Ohio	74	77	651	693	74	78	651	702
UNITED STATES	2,856	2,852	25,488	25,558	2,836	2,851	25,105	25,489

FARROWING INTENTIONS - SELECTED STATES

Selected States	March-May Sows			June-August Sows		
	2004 ^{2/}	2005 ^{3/}	05/04	2004 ^{2/}	2005 ^{3/}	05/04
Thousand Head			Pct.	Thousand Head		
Illinois	215	210	98	210	210	100
Indiana	135	135	100	140	140	100
Iowa	430	450	105	440	440	100
N. Carolina	550	540	98	560	550	98
Ohio	73	79	108	75	79	105
UNITED STATES	2,870	2,870	100	2,905	2,880	99

1/ December of the preceding year. 2/ Actual number of sows farrowed. 3/ Intentions to farrow.

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during February 2005 totaled 21.6 million pounds, down 15 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 8.7 million pounds, down 19 percent; calves, 1.6 million pounds, down 34 percent; hogs, 22.3 million pounds, down 12 percent; sheep & lambs, 38 thousand pounds, down 50 percent.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.42 billion pounds in February, up 1 percent from the 3.40 billion pounds produced in February 2004.

Beef production, at 1.77 billion pounds, was 2 percent below the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.34 million head, down 4 percent from February 2004. The average live weight was up 21 pounds from the previous year, at 1,254 pounds.

Veal production totaled 12.1 million pounds, 16 percent below

February a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 61,900 head, down 13 percent from February 2004. The average live weight was 8 pounds below last year, at 328 pounds.

Pork production totaled 1.63 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.10 million head, 3 percent above February 2004. The average live weight was 2 pounds above the previous year, at 270 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production, at 15.2 million pounds, was up 3 percent from February 2004. Sheep slaughter totaled 215,000 head, 1 percent above last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 1 pound from February a year ago.

February 2005 contained 20 weekdays (including one holiday) and 4 Saturdays.

FEBRUARY COMMERCIAL LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Item	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	% of prev. yr.	2004	2005	% of prev. yr.
Number of Head (000)						
Cattle	9.4	7.7	82	2,429.2	2,341.2	96
Calves	5.7	3.9	68	71.5	61.9	87
Hogs	94.3	82.1	87	7,887.4	8,103.8	103
Sheep & Lambs	.7	.3	43	212.5	215.0	101
Average live weight (lbs.)						
Cattle	1,151	1,133	98	1,233	1,254	102
Calves	414	395	95	336	328	98
Hogs	270	272	101	268	270	101
Sheep & Lambs	116	114	98	139	140	101
Total live weight (000 lbs.)						
Cattle	10,846	8,747	81	2,993,963	2,936,554	98
Calves	2,365	1,557	66	24,011	20,291	85
Hogs	25,475	22,319	88	2,112,505	2,187,417	104
Sheep & Lambs	76	38	50	29,601	30,125	102

1/ Large volume increase generated percentages not suitable for analysis.

FEBRUARY MILK PRODUCTION

The total milk production in Ohio during February 2005 was 366 million pounds, 11 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during February 2005 was 267 thousand. The yield per cow, at 1,370 pounds, was unchanged from a year earlier.

Milk production in the 23 major States during February totaled 12.2 billion pounds, down .7 percent from February 2004. However, adjusting production for the additional day due to the

leap year, February milk production was up 2.8 percent. January revised production, at 13.3 billion pounds, was up 1.5 percent from January 2004. The January revision represented an increase of 29 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,516 pounds for February, 15 pounds below February 2004. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major states was 8.07 million head, 23,000 head more than February 2004, but 9,000 head less than January 2005.

JANUARY MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

	Ohio			United States		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	1,000 Gallons		Percent	1,000 Gallons		Percent
Ice Cream, Hard	1,693	1,622	96	59,132	60,394	102

FEBRUARY MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

	Milk cows on farm ^{1/}			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}			
	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	Feb. 2004	Jan. 2005	Feb. 2005	
	Thousand			Pounds			Million Pounds			Percent
California	1,706	1,739	1,742	1,675	1,770	1,635	2,858	3,078	2,848	100
Ohio	259	267	267	1,370	1,460	1,370	355	390	366	103
Wisconsin	1,245	1,235	1,234	1,405	1,510	1,390	1,749	1,865	1,715	98
23 State Total	8,051	8,083	8,074	1,531	1,640	1,516	12,329	13,258	12,240	99

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

COLD STORAGE HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on February 28, 2005 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, pork, vegetables, and fruit.

Butter stocks were up 44 percent from last month, but down 30 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were down 1 percent from last month, but up 4 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 9 percent from last month and up 14 percent from the

previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 19 percent from last month and up 32 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on February 28, 2005 were 3 percent above the previous month and up slightly from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 3 percent from the previous month, but up 16 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 15 percent from last month, but down 18 percent from February 29, 2004.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE FEBRUARY 28, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

U.S. STOCKS IN COOL STORAGE FEBRUARY 28, 2005 WITH COMPARISONS					
	Feb 28, 2004	Jan 31, 2005	Feb 28, 2005	February 28, 2005 as percent of	
				2/28/04	1/31/05
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	
Butter	159,066	77,215	111,239	70	144
Cheese, Total Natural	766,090	708,811	716,669	94	101
Eggs, Frozen	21,138	18,577	17,865	85	96
Fruits, Frozen	803,321	989,394	873,960	109	88
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,976,760	1,830,265	1,889,148	96	103
Meats, Total Red	926,888	966,877	959,419	104	99
Beef, Total Frozen	435,033	457,273	403,815	93	88
Pork, Total Frozen	477,119	498,619	544,521	114	109
Poultry, Total Frozen	1,015,800	982,642	1,016,902	100	103
Chicken	542,790	646,843	629,993	116	97
Turkeys	471,682	335,398	386,434	82	115
Vegetables, Total Frozen	1,761,031	2,101,596	1,979,159	112	94
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,207,358	1,168,801	1,152,905	95	99

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities from 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during February, 2005, totaled 558 million eggs; down 12 percent from last month but up 3 percent compared with a year earlier when production for February, 2004 totaled 542 million eggs. During February there were 28.1 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 1,984 eggs per 100 layers, or 70.9 percent. There were 6.0 percent of the layers in Ohio being force molted on March 1, 2005. Twenty-two and one-half percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt compared with 21.5 percent a year ago. In all egg-producing states on March 1, 2005, 3.0 percent of the layers on hand were in a molt and 23.0 percent had completed a molt.

U.S. egg production totaled 6.91 billion during February 2005, up slightly from last year. Production included 5.90 billion table eggs, and 1.01 billion hatching eggs, of which 956 million were broiler-type and 58 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2005 averaged 349 million, up 3 percent from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,980 eggs, down 3 percent from February 2004.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2005, totaled 349 million, up

3 percent from a year ago. The 349 million layers consisted of 289 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 57.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.64 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2005, averaged 71.4 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago. February 2005 contained 28 days, while February 2004 contained 29 days due to the leap year.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 32.9 million, up 3 percent from February 2004. Eggs in incubators totaled 34.7 million on March 1, 2005, up 1 percent from a year ago.

The February 2005 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 731 million, was up slightly from February of the previous year. There were 659 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 2005, up 2 percent from a year earlier.

Turkey eggs in incubators on March 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 27.9 million, down 6 percent from March 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were up 3 percent from the February 1 total of 27.0 million. The 21.3 million poult placed during February 2005 in the United States were down 7 percent from last year.

FEBRUARY EGG PRODUCTION

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	Layers on hand during month		Eggs per 100 layers	Total production			
				Monthly		Accumulated ^{1/}	
	2004	2005	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
	Thousands		Number	Million			
Ohio	27,109	28,129	1,984	542	558	1,799	1,836
U.S.	339,647	348,974	1,980	6,901	6,908	21,841	22,253

^{1/} Accumulated period began December of previous year.

CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES

	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed ^{1/}		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
Feb.	32,078	32,910	103	727,936	731,274	100	22,905	21,321	93
Jan. Feb.	67,428	69,671	103	1,501,906	1,527,300	102	136,733	129,719	95

^{1/} Accumulated period for turkeys begins September.

EGGS IN INCUBATORS - MARCH 1, 2005

	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs		
	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004	2004	2005	2005/2004
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
E. North Central ^{1/}	6,502	6,774	104	9,185	8,319	91	5,059	4,517	89
United States	34,263	34,706	101	647,596	658,866	102	29,613	27,880	94

^{1/} Not available by States.

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